From Lord Avebury

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Dear Mr Azzam

Thank you very much indeed for the most delightful lunch I had with you yesterday. I did enjoy the opportunity of meeting you and having some discussion on questions of mutual interest.

You will be interested to see the enclosed letter I had from the secretary of theIPU, British Group saying that their observer has made contact with the prosecution and defence lawyers in the trial of Dr. Erbaken and that he is satisfied the trial is being properly conducted. Nevertheless, if the charges are entirely political, as they appear to be, the defendants ought not to be in court at all. I did speak to Phillip Whitehead about the proposed letter to the Times and will be circulating the draft to him and John Hunt next week.

I have also just telephoned the Human Rights Network and spoke to someone in Mr. Bill Seary's office. They will be sending you a list of their contacts in the Network, for your use in preparation for your conference.

Yours sincerely

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